



For the spiritualist, the path of the zodiac forms an important course of his theoretical and practical study. The zodiac is the limitation of man when he is in the lowest and at the same time it is the path of his liberation when he is on the higher plane.

These lines are from "Spiritual Astrology" by Dr. E. Krishnamacharya. Spiritual astrology deals with the relationship between man and cosmos. It is one of the six keys to the secrets of wisdom whose centre is the consciousness of man. Through study and continuing meditation on the human and animal forms of the zodiac, he discovers that he is a small image of the cosmic man. He eventually realizes within himself all the planets, the solar system, and the cosmic plan to which he devotes his life. This wisdom reveals itself to the person who lives in the soul consciousness. Whoever is firmly anchored in the personality will never find the subtle dimensions.

The "Letters on Spiritual Astrology" contain thoughts from the wisdom teachings. Their purpose is to give encouragement to explore connections and correspondences and to elevate oneself to the level of Oneness which is found beyond the riddles of creation.

Aries

ARIES - THE NEW BEGINNING

On its path from the south to the north the sun crosses the equator on March 21 and we witness the spring equinox. When the sun cuts the equator, the circle formed by the apparent path of the sun around the earth and the circle formed by the earth going round the sun touch each other. Astrologically the point of intersection at 0 degree Aries represents the beginning of the solar year: The equinox is the scissors cutting the annual ring and thus forming a new beginning. In Indian astrology there is a moon constellation in Aries called *Krittika* in Sanskrit, meaning 'scissors'. Man has received the cutting of the circles as a symbol from above and expressed it in the sign of Aries (♈). This sign also symbolises the head of a ram and signifies a straight dash of the eternity into the cycles of time.

In the circle of the year Aries is the climax of the ascent of spirit out of matter. It is the highest point of light, the medium coeli of consciousness. As a cardinal fiery sign Aries represents the electric or cosmic fire existing as pure consciousness, from which the entire creation springs. If we meditate on this sign at the time of Aries full moon, we can experience the most radiant light of our self. Aries is the sign of initiation and the sun is exalted in it. In a yogi the solar principle is in the head centre and in man it is the principle of liberation. It is said that the great Master Jesus experienced his resurrection at Easter, that is in Aries. Moses, the law-giver at the beginning of the Age of Aries and disciple of the fire-god in the burning bush is depicted as having two white horns on his head. They symbolise the dawn of the light of law in man through the head centre.

THE CUTTING OF THE HEAD

Aries represents the head. The Aries personality is considered to be an energetic leader and fighter who can defy every difficulty and sacrifice all to reach his goal. As head of an organisation Aries can shake up people and get them enthusiastic about something. In this however he will follow his own path and do things entirely according to his own plan; he doesn't like any interference. In his action he is obstinate and impulsive. At work as well as at home he likes to be looked on as the boss. He might have a good deal of success and think himself great, but at the height of his success his pride and rashness may bring defeat to him. In the East there is a ritual in which symbolically the head is cut and replaced by the head of a ram: The ritualistic cutting of the throat and severing of the head indicates to us to replace our individual wanting and planning by the Divine will and plan, so that we can get a head suffused with light and express the truth. With right preparation Aries offers us the opportunity to rise from personality consciousness to soul consciousness and to enter into a higher ring of the spiralic path. Otherwise we move in a circle and then it is the same year after year. Especially the first nine days of Aries are meant for the transformation of the head: Each year, when the sun is at 9 degrees of Aries, the sun principle re-descends into us, and it gives a new dose of energy. The preparation for this should take place at least from the equinox in March. It is a preparation of at least 9 days.

RECEIVING NEW ENERGIES

Those who know choose each year the months of Aries, Taurus and Gemini to bring in energies from higher circles and to transmit them to our planet. During Aries full moon the energies are invoked into the centre called "Shamballa", where the Lord of the planet resides in the etheric. From Aries full moon to new moon they are assimilated, so as to become acquainted with the descended energies and to gain mastery over them. During the full moon of Taurus, where the Vaisakh-festival takes place, the energies are transmitted to the centre called "Hierarchy" which has an ashram in the ether in the Himalayan range. In Gemini the Hierarchy transmits these energies to humanity. Therefore each year in the month of Gemini the descent of the "Fiery Tongues" is celebrated in the West as the Pentecost festival. Also in harmony with this rhythm Master CVV received the energies of synthesis on March 10, 1910; they were conveyed to him via Halley's comet through the tail of which the earth went at that time. During three months he assimilated the energies to distribute them to humanity in Gemini on Mai 29, 1910 and to establish this day as day of group initiation.

Thus the Aries full moon is related to the energy of the divine will, while the full moon of Taurus is relating to love and wisdom and the Gemini full moon to the light that radiates, transmits and spreads love and will. In the physical body Shamballa is located in the head centre and is linked up with the Lord Sanat Kumara who resides in Shamballa. The heart centre is linked with the Hierarchy and humanity with the throat centre. Humanity represents the personality, Hierarchy represents the soul aspect of our planetary system. Shamballa and the Hierarchy are one and the same, except that Shamballa is the blue inner and the Hierarchy the golden envelopment.

THE SEED OF THE WORD

Before it is received, the divine Word is there, but it is not perceivable. That is why it is said in the Scriptures that the Word was with God and then it came to

man. The God in man releases the Word and the man in God should listen and receive it, i.e. perceive it. The Word exists as utterer in Aries, as voice in Taurus and as breath in Gemini, and then there is the Word as such. That is what is explained in the Scriptures as the four states of utterance or the four states of existence. That which we normally call the utterance is the vocal utterance. Before it is uttered forth, there is a basis for uttering it, that is the breath. Before there is the utterance at the thought level, and even before the utterance exists at the thought level, we are *ourselves* uttered forth from a centre. Once the Word comes to man, the seed of the Word develops in him, and the seed details into thought, before it is expressed. Purity of speech and thought is necessary for the seed to open up. The easiest way to purify oneself wisely is to utter mantrams mentally or vocally.

The reception of the seed is in Aries, its soaking is in Taurus, and its expression is in Gemini. By their nature Aries, Taurus and Gemini are subjective and they are the subtle, causal principles. From Cancer onward the manifestation takes place and we go more into the material. There are 90 days of subjective preparation and 270 days for expression. The first quarter forms the seed for the expression of the other three quarters. Those who want to follow the spiritual path should very seriously utilise the months of Aries, Taurus and Gemini for preparing the subjective nature. It is thanks to the teachings of the Tibetan Master that the Ancient Wisdom was restored in form of the three full moon festivals of Aries, Taurus and Gemini. But the knowledge and the celebration of these festivals is from time immemorial. May we not only respect this knowledge, but also make good use of it in our lives.

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